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The Pathfinder series is produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) and provides a sampling of information available through NPIN databases and other resources on topics relating to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and tuberculosis (TB). For a complete list of Pathfinder topics or for more information on NPIN, call 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY) or visit the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org.

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Despite advances in knowledge and treatment, women in the United States still must confront two growing epidemics: HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

An increasing number of women, especially women of color, are becoming infected with HIV, and many more are at increased risk of contracting the virus. Women who have HIV and are pregnant, or who will become pregnant, risk transmitting HIV to their children during childbirth and through breastfeeding. In addition, as potential caregivers to the growing number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, women will bear untold emotional and financial responsibilities as they care for their infected loved ones.

Women also bear the greatest burden of STDs, which, if left untreated, can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, and cervical cancer and can put women at higher risk for acquiring and spreading HIV infection.

Even if women know how to protect themselves from HIV and STD infection, awareness of the facts must be coupled with the skills and support needed to change behavior. The CDC works with states and communities to provide the information and tools needed to design and implement effective local prevention programs for women.

This Pathfinder includes lists of organizations, educational materials, and Internet sites, all of which will help you in your search for information about HIV/AIDS and other STDs among women. While the descriptions listed for each resource can guide you to a general understanding of the services or information provided, they are not intended to be comprehensive. Contact organizations directly for specific information on their resources and services or for the complete text of the educational materials they provide.

Much of the information provided here is drawn from NPIN databases, which staff update regularly. Visit the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org/db to conduct a database search for the most current information. To request a customized database search or a free list of materials, or to ask specific questions about women and HIV/AIDS or STDs, contact NPIN at 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY).



The CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) is the U.S. reference, referral, and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and tuberculosis (TB) sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NPIN services are designed to facilitate the sharing of information and resources among people working in HIV, STD, and TB prevention, treatment, and support services. In addition to developing the Pathfinder series, NPIN offers a variety of other services described below.

Comprehensive Reference and Referral Services staffed with English- and Spanish-speaking health information specialists can link you to information and educational materials, refer you to organizations, and help you find information about funding and other topics. Specialists take calls Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. All calls are completely confidential.

Online Databases link you to information and services related to HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. NPIN databases, which you can access through the NPIN Web site, include an Educational Materials Database, Resources and Services Database, Funding Database, Conference Abstract Database, and the CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update Database.

Publications Distribution Services provide fact sheets, guidelines, and reports on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. Many materials are available in Spanish. Selected materials are also available through NPIN FAX, a fax-on-demand service that you can access through NPIN's toll-free number.

Resource and Training Centers provide professional research services and maintain NPIN's extensive collection of educational materials, journals, and newsletters on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. Onsite technical assistance and training for searching the NPIN Web site and the Internet are also available by appointment for individuals or small groups.

Internet Services include a Web site that offers searchable databases, full-text publications, and links to related sites; a listserv that sends subscribers abstracts of articles from scientific journals and the lay press; and an FTP library that allows you to download fact sheets, articles, and resource guides on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB.

Business and Labor Resource Service, staffed by health information specialists, helps businesses and labor unions develop workplace policies and employee education programs on HIV and AIDS. Links to other workplace sites and information on manager's and labor leader's kits are available through the Business Responds to AIDS and Labor Responds to AIDS Web site.

To Contact NPIN

Call 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY) or visit our Web site at www.cdcpin.org.

The listings in this section, drawn from the NPIN Resources and Services Database, include information about national organizations that provide HIV/AIDS and other STD services for women. Many of these organizations are affiliated with or are collaborating with state, local, and regional organizations that provide services directly to this population.

This list is not comprehensive: it provides only a sampling of resources and services available on this topic. For names and contact information for organizations in your area that provide HIV/AIDS and STD information and services for women, contact NPIN at 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY) or visit the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org/db and search our Resources and Services Database.

AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families

1600 K Street, NW
Suite 201
Washington, DC 20006
202-785-3564 (Main)
202-785-3579 (Fax)
info@aids-alliance.org (E-mail)
www.aidspolicycenter.org (Web Site)

The mission of the Alliance is to ensure that the healthcare and psychosocial needs of HIV-infected children, youth, women, and families are recognized and addressed. The Alliance conducts policy research and analysis, offers legal and policy training, and provides technical assistance to pediatric, adolescent, and family HIV/AIDS service providers in the United States.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

409 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20090-6920
800-762-2264 (Toll-Free)
202-638-5577 (Main)
202-488-1426 (TTY)
202-484-5107 (Fax)
www.acog.com (Web Site)

ACOG advocates for quality healthcare for women, promotes patient education regarding medical care, and works to increase awareness of changing issues in women's healthcare. It maintains an electronic bulletin board to educate physicians and health service organizations about HIV transmission and pregnancy, HIV-antibody testing and counseling, and infection control.

Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)

2000 L Street, NW
Suite 740
Washington, DC 20036
800-673-8499 (Toll-Free)
202-728-0575 (Fax)
www.awhonn.org (Web Site)

AWHONN promotes excellence in nursing practice to improve the health of women and newborns. The organization produces guidelines and focuses on four aspects of nursing: education, research, practice, and policy.

Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS) National Resource Center on Women and AIDS Policy

1211 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 312
Washington, DC 20036
202-872-1770 (Main)
202-296-8962 (Fax)
cwtsx@aol.com (E-mail)
www.centerwomenpolicy.org (Web Site)

CWPS established the National Resource Center on Women and AIDS to serve as a resource for researchers, policymakers, advocates, and caregivers. It addresses AIDS issues from women's perspectives, focusing on the needs of women of color.

General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)

1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
202-347-3168 (Main)
202-835-0246 (Fax)
gfwc@gfwc.org (E-mail)
www.gfwc.org (Web Site)



GWFC is a national service organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. Members are encouraged to organize and support awareness of a range of topics such as literacy, environmental conservation, and HIV/AIDS.

International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)

1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Suite 302
Washington, DC 20036
202-797-0007 (Main)
202-797-0020 (Fax)
info@icrw.org (E-mail)
www.icrw.org (Web Site)

ICRW collaborates with policymakers, practitioners, and researchers throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America to formulate policy concerning the economic, social, and health status of women in developing countries. It recognizes women's critical contributions to development, and develops policy and programs to improve the lives of poor women.

Jacobs Institute of Women's Health

409 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024-2188
202-863-4990 (Main)
202-488-4229 (Fax)
www.jiwh.org (Web Site)

The Jacobs Institute of Women's Health disseminates research and information and offers a newsletter, research grants, and referrals.

Mothers' Voices

165 West 46th Street
Suite 701
New York, NY 10036
888-686-4237 (Toll-Free)
212-730-2777 (Main)
212-730-4378 (Fax)
cg@mvoices.org (E-mail)
www.mvoices.org (Web Site)

Mothers' Voices is a grassroots advocacy group composed of mothers who are committed to ending AIDS. The group lobbies to increase funding for research on AIDS, to raise public awareness of the AIDS epidemic, and to change public attitudes and policies.

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)

National Office
633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-737-0120 (Main)
202-737-0476 (Fax)
www.ncnw.org (Web Site)

NCNW ensures that African-American women can access and fully participate in socioeconomic and political systems that impact quality of life. The NCNW provides technical assistance and training to monitor community-based organizations and collaborates with public health agencies to deliver HIV/STD prevention services targeting African-American women and their families.

National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA)

1627 K Street, NW
12th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
202-293-3114 (Main)
202-293-1990 (Fax)
info@nfprha.org (E-mail)
www.nfprha.org (Web Site)

A national organization representing family planning providers, NFPRHA works to improve and expand the delivery of reproductive healthcare services throughout the United States.

National Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB)

121 North Washington Street
Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-836-6110 (Main)
703-836-3470 (Fax)
www.hmhb.org (Web Site)

HMHB is a recognized leader and resource in maternal and child health. It provides an innovative forum for collaborative partnerships to promote and improve culturally and linguistically appropriate community-based services that foster healthy mothers, healthy babies, and healthy families. From its inception, HMHB has focused attention on raising public awareness of the basic components of prenatal care and has targeted low-income and underserved communities.

National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Clearinghouse

P.O. Box 3006
Rockville, MD 20847
800-370-2943 (Toll-Free)
301-984-1473 (Fax)
www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/clearinghouse.htm
(Web Site)

The NICHD Clearinghouse makes valuable information easily accessible to professionals, researchers, educators, and the general public. It offers online publications on child health and human development and operates a toll-free line staffed by information specialists.

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH)

1200 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 206
Washington, DC 20005
202-326-8970 (Main)
202-371-8112 (Fax)
mail@nlirh.org (E-mail)
www.nlirh.org (Web Site)

NLIRH seeks to enhance the reproductive health of Latinas nationwide through advocacy, public policy, and education. NLIRH offers health services for Latinas, including education and family planning and STD and HIV/AIDS services.

National Pediatric and Family HIV Resource Center (NPFHRC), University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

30 Bergen Street
ADMC #4
Newark, NJ 07107
800-362-0071 (Toll-Free)
973-972-0410 (Main)
973-972-0399 (Fax)
ortegaes@umdnj.edu (E-mail)
www.pedhivaids.org (Web Site)

NPFHRC offers consultation, technical assistance, and training for professionals caring for HIV-positive children and families. It serves as a forum for public policy issues related to their care by offering updates in national policy trends and assistance in policy development on local, state, and federal levels.

National Task Force on Prostitution (NTFP)

P.O. Box 2113
New York, NY 10025-2113
info@bayswan.org (E-mail)

NTFP acts as an umbrella organization for prostitutes' rights organizations in the United States and Canada. It promotes the development of support services for sex workers, including HIV/AIDS, STD, and violence prevention projects; rape and domestic violence services; and health and social support services.

National Women's Health Network

514 10th Street, NW
Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20004
202-347-1140 (Main)
202-628-7814 (Information Clearinghouse)
202-347-1168 (Fax)
www.womenshealthnetwork.org (Web Site)

The National Women's Health Network is a public interest organization devoted to issues of women and health. It provides safer sex counseling, training, education, and a library and makes policy recommendations concerning women and HIV/AIDS.

Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) National Institutes of Health (NIH)

9000 Rockville Pike
Building 1, Room 201
Bethesda, MD 20892-0161
301-402-1770 (Main)
301-402-1798 (Fax)
www.4.od.nih.gov/orwh (Web Site)

ORWH serves as a focal point for women's health research at the NIH. It sets and monitors policy, promotes and conducts research, and enhances scientific development. Current research priorities include immune diseases; STDs; risk factors for disease in women of different racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and behavioral factors associated with disease prevention for women.

***Planned Parenthood Federation of America
(PPFA)***

810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019 (Street Address)
P.O. Box 4457
New York, NY 10164 (Mailing Address)
212-541-7800 (Main)
212-245-1845 (Fax)
communications@ppfa.org (E-mail)
www.plannedparenthood.org (Web Site)

PPFA is a federation of family planning organizations that provides reproductive healthcare, family planning services, and sex education to people worldwide. PPFA also advocates for biomedical, socioeconomic, and demographic research regarding reproductive health issues. PPFA serves as a clearinghouse and provides community education, HIV-antibody testing and counseling, and safer sex counseling.

Project WISE of Project Inform

205 13th Street
Suite 2001
San Francisco, CA 94103
800-822-7422 (Toll-Free)
415-558-8669 (Main)
415-558-0684 (Fax)
wise@projinf.org (E-mail)
www.projinf.org (Web Site)

WISE empowers HIV-positive women to make informed decisions about living with HIV/AIDS. They provide treatment advocacy and treatment information for women living with HIV/AIDS.

***Sapphex Lesbian's Educational AIDS
Resource Network (LEARN)***

14002 Clubhouse Circle
Suite 206
Tampa, FL 33624
813-961-6064 (Main)
813-961-6064 (TTY/TTD)
813-961-6064 (Fax)

Sapphex LEARN provides a forum for lesbians, bisexual females, and male-to-female transsexual lesbians. The organization educates healthcare providers about alternative female sexuality and informs the lesbian and female bisexual community about safer sex techniques and HIV/AIDS prevention. It also develops and distributes safer sex kits, supplies, and literature.

Women Alive

1566 South Burnside Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90019-4016
800-554-4876 (Toll-Free Hotline)
323-965-1564 (Main)
323-965-9886 (Fax)
info@women-alive.org (E-mail)
www.women-alive.org (Web Page)

The Women Alive Coalition provides peer support and treatment advocacy for women living with HIV/AIDS. It operates a national hotline.

***Women's International Network News
(WIN NEWS)***

187 Grant Street
Lexington, MA 02420
781-862-9431 (Main)
781-862-1734 (Fax)
winnews@igc.org (E-mail)
www.feminist.com/win.htm (Web Site)

WIN News is an international communication system by, for, and about women of all backgrounds, beliefs, and nationalities. WIN News provides newsletters and books in Arabic, French, Indian, Spanish, and Somali concerning women's issues, including politics, violence, health, and reproduction.

***Women Organized to Respond to
Life-Threatening Diseases (WORLD)***

3948 Webster Street
Oakland, CA 94609
510-658-6930 (Main)
510-601-9746 (Fax)
sluna@womenhiv.org (E-mail)
www.womenhiv.com (Web Site)

WORLD provides support and information to women living with HIV/AIDS, educates them to advocate for themselves and their communities, and promotes public awareness of women's HIV/AIDS issues. WORLD offers retreats, advocacy, support groups, a speakers bureau, and a hotline.

Women's Project

2224 South Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72206
501-372-5113 (Main)
501-372-6853 (TTY/TTD)
501-372-0009 (Fax)
wproject@aol.com (E-mail)
www.womens-project.org (Web Site)

The Women's Project provides AIDS education and referrals for women and service providers and a peer counseling program for women, especially African-American and/or incarcerated women. The organization offers a library, resource manual, newsletter, and handbook for victims of hate and violence.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

1734 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009
800-368-5772 (Toll-Free)
202-387-3103 (Main)
202-232-4593 (Fax)
zetanahq@worldnet.att.net (E-mail)
2061920.org (Web Site)

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, a predominantly African-American organization, is committed to improving the health and welfare of youth and their parents. It provides information on safer sex, AIDS, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The organizations listed in this section were drawn from the NPIN Funding Database and fund programs that relate to HIV/AIDS and other STDs among women. Contact these organizations directly to learn about current funding opportunities or to find other financial support for education, prevention, and support services.

For a more extensive list of organizations that provide funding on HIV/AIDS and other STDs, contact NPIN at 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY) or visit the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org/funding and search our Funding Database.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation

30 Community Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403-6828
802-651-9600 (Main)
www.benjerry.com/foundation (Web Site)

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers competitive grants to promote progressive social change by addressing underlying societal or environmental problems. The Foundation considers proposals that address women and families.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation

345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10154-0037
212-546-4000 (Main)

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation invests in a broad range of programs that address health and social issues. Key funding initiatives include educating women so they can make more informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW)

230 West Superior Street
Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60610-3536
312-266-1176 (Main)
312-266-0990 (Fax)

CFW advocates for social change and focuses on women's issues, including domestic violence, mental and physical health, and reproductive rights.

Charles H. Revson Foundation

55 East 59th Street
23rd Floor
New York, NY 10022-1112
212-935-3340 (Main)
212-688-0633 (Fax)

The Charles H. Revson Foundation's funding areas include the changing role of women and the impact of modern communications on education. The Foundation has funded HIV/AIDS education projects.

Colin Higgins Foundation

P.O. Box 29903
San Francisco, CA 94129-0903
415-561-6400 (Main)
415-561-6401 (Fax)

The Colin Higgins Foundation supports the empowerment of lesbians and funds community-based service organizations, programs seeking alternative treatments for people with AIDS, and model programs attempting to coordinate services and education efforts within a community.

Commonwealth Fund

One East 75th Street
New York, NY 10021-2692
212-606-3800 (Main)
212-606-3500 (Fax)
www.cmwf.org (Web Site)

The Commonwealth Fund supports healthcare for women and accepts proposals that clarify the scope of serious and neglected problems affecting them.

Ford Foundation

320 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017
212-573-5000 (Main)
212-351-3677 (Fax)
www.fordfound.org (Web Site)

The Ford Foundation funds projects focusing on reproductive health, adolescent sexuality, HIV/AIDS prevention, and job training.



Funding Exchange

666 Broadway
Suite 500
New York, NY 10012
212-529-5300 (Main)
212-982-9272 (Fax)
www.fex.org (Web Site)

The Funding Exchange supports communities organizing for social change. It considers proposals from projects that work actively for justice for women and for healthcare access and reform.

The Global Fund for Women

425 Sherman Avenue
Suite 300
Palo Alto, CA 94306
650-853-8305 (Main)
650-328-0384 (Fax)
gfw@globalfundforwomen.org (E-mail)
www.globalfundforwomen.org
(Web Site)

The Global Fund for Women provides assistance to international grassroots women's organizations. It focuses on reproductive freedom, women and children's health, and the prevention of violence against women.

Hasbro Children's Foundation

32 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
212-645-2400 (Main)
212-645-4055 (Fax)

The Hasbro Children's Foundation supports the development and/or expansion of direct-service programs that improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children, their families, and communities in the areas of health, education, and society.

James Irvine Foundation

One Market
Steuart Tower
Suite 2500
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-777-2244 (Main)
415-777-0869 (Fax)
www.irvine.org (Web Site)

The James Irvine Foundation makes grants to programs focusing on the health of women and their families. Through collaborative partnerships, the

Foundation seeks to improve the availability of culturally appropriate health information and services, especially for low-income women and women of color.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

140 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603
312-726-8000 (Main)
301-402-0779 (Fax)
www.nih.gov/fic/opportunities (Web Site)

This foundation provides funding for training in international maternal and child health research. The objectives include increasing the expertise of scientists in developing countries in biomedical, behavioral, and prevention research related to maternal and child health.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Parklawn Building
Rooms 18-12
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
301-443-1440 (Main)
301-443-6686 (Fax)
www.os.dhhs.gov/hrsa/mchb/ (Web Site)

MCHB provides funding for organizations that address significant disparities in perinatal health. This funding is targeted to communities and areas where racial/ethnic disparities exist, including Hispanic, African-American, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander communities, and populations of immigrants, especially those living in border counties.

The Moriah Fund

One Faragut Square South
1634 I Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20006
202-783-8488 (Main)
202-783-8499 (Fax)

The population and reproductive health program of the Moriah Fund provides grants to organizations that seek to enable women, including adolescents, to manage their fertility and to protect and promote their sexual and reproductive health.

Morris Stulsaft Foundation

100 Bush Street
Suite 825
San Francisco, CA 94104-3911
415-986-7117 (Main)
415-986-2521 (Fax)
stulsaft@aol.com (E-mail)

The Morris Stulsaft Foundation provides funding for recreational, health, educational, cultural, and social service programs to help needy and deserving children.

Ms. Foundation for Women

120 Wall Street
33rd Floor
New York, NY 10005
212-742-2300 (Main)
212-742-1653 (Fax)
www.ms.foundation.org (Web Site)

The Ms. Foundation for Women funds women's self-help organizing efforts and pursues changes in public consciousness and social policy. The Foundation directs resources to break down barriers based on race, class, age, disability, sexual orientation, and culture.

OUT Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation c/o Funding Exchange

666 Broadway
Suite 500
New York, NY 10012
212-529-5300 (Main)

The OUT Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation supports projects working to build community among lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people. They support health policy, prevention, and education efforts.

Paul Rapoport Foundation

220 East 60th Street
Suite 3H
New York, NY 10022
212-888-6578 (Main)
212-980-0867 (Fax)
paulrapoportfdn@aol.com (E-mail)
www.workinggroup.org (Web Site)

The Paul Rapoport Foundation is particularly interested in developing and strengthening institutions within the lesbian community and in supporting a broad range of HIV/AIDS-related activities, excluding medical research.

Pfizer Incorporated Corporate Philanthropy Program

235 East 42nd Street
Mail Stop 235/11/11A
New York, NY 10017-5755
212-733-4250 (Main)
www.pfizer.com/pfizerinc/philanthropy (Web Site)

Pfizer's Corporate Philanthropy Program helps low-income, high-risk mothers access prenatal and well-baby care services and information. Pediatric AIDS is of special interest.

Public Welfare Foundation

2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
Suite 505
Washington, DC 20037-1977
202-965-1800 (Main)
202-625-1348 (Fax)
general@publicwelfare.org (E-mail)
www.publicwelfare.org (Web site)

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that help meet the needs of disadvantaged populations. Program areas include population and reproductive health.

Ralph M. Parsons Foundation

1055 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 1701
Los Angeles, CA 90017
213-482-3185 (Main)
213-482-8878 (Fax)

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation makes funds available for health services and assistance for children, women, and their families. A recent grantee was the Serra Project, a home for mothers living with HIV/AIDS and their children.

Sister Fund

116 East 16th Street
Seventh Floor
New York, NY 10003
212-260-4446 (Main)
212-260-4633 (Fax)
sisterfund@aol.com (E-mail)

The Sister Fund is committed to programming that fosters women's and girls' economic, social, political, and spiritual lives. It supports programs that emphasize women's health and reproductive rights and challenges discrimination against women.

FUNDING SOURCES

The following Internet sites offer information about current funding and grants to organizations providing HIV/AIDS-, and STD-related health and education services to women. Some of the sites have online databases that allow users to conduct tailored searches. If you do not have Internet access, check with your local public library, or call NPIN at 800-458-5231 for help searching for funding opportunities.

CDC National Prevention Information Network

www.cdcnpin.org/db/public/fundmain.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/funding.htm

The Federal Register

www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

The Foundation Center

fdncenter.org/search.zone

Grantmakers in Health

www.gih.org

Health Resources and Services Administration

www.hrsa.gov/grants.htm

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

www.omhrc.gov/qfunding.htm

Society of Research Administrators

www.wi.mit.edu/grants/other.html#sra

U.S. Department of Education

ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.hhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet (GrantsNet)

www.hhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/search.html (Funding Links)

You can also locate funding information by subscribing to the *CDC HIV/STD/TB PreventionNews* listserv, a daily e-mail newsletter that includes announcements of new funding opportunities. Subscribe to the listserv by sending a blank message to preventionnews-subscribe@cdcnpin.org. For more information about the listserv, visit the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org/services/listserv.htm.

GRANT WRITING

Finding sources of funding is just the first part of your search for grants. The most important—and frequently most challenging—aspect of seeking grants is writing your grant proposal. The following organizations' Internet sites provide information that may help.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting

www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html

Community Development Society (CDS) by the Seattle Community Network

www.scn.org/ip/cds/cmp/proposal.htm

Information about HIV/AIDS and other STDs abounds on the Internet. This section presents addresses of select Internet sites that provide information on these health issues as they affect women. For Web sites of national organizations serving this community, refer to the *Organizations* section of this Pathfinder.

The sites listed here are intended to serve as a starting point in your exploration of the Internet as a source of information on HIV/AIDS and STDs among women. Refer to page 13 for tips on searching the Internet on your own.

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

www.amwa-doc.org/

This site is operated by the AMWA, a national organization of women physicians and medical students. The site recently featured information on emergency contraception.

Global Community of Positive Women

www.hivwoman.com/default.htm

Written for women who are seropositive, this site is available in English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, or Portuguese. Visitors can question doctors, learn about treatments, and chat online.

IAPAC: Women's Health Issues

www.iapac.org/womenidx.html

This site contains abstracts and posters from Global Strategies for the Prevention of Vertical HIV Transmission, held September 3-6, 1997, and from other conferences.

JAMA Women's Health Information Center

www.ama-assn.org/special/std/

Produced by the Sexually Transmitted Disease Information Center of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, this site contains stories and in-depth special reports, clinical guidelines, and resources for patients and professionals, and links to other sites for women's health.

National Women's Health Information Center U.S. Public Health Service, Office on Women's Health

www.4women.gov

This Web site is designed for consumers, healthcare professionals, researchers, educators, and students. You can link to, read, and download a wide variety of women's health information developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

National Women's Health Resource Center

www.healthywomen.org/

The National Women's Health Resource Center is the U.S. clearinghouse for information on women's health. Its Web site contains questions and answers about women and STDs, an online newsletter, and links to other women's health sites.

Positive Women

www.home.aone.net.au/pos.women

This site from Victoria, Australia, is run by an HIV-positive women's group. The group offers one-on-one telephone support, support meetings, and a drop-in center and provides contacts with international women's HIV/AIDS organizations.

Signs of HIV Infection in Women

www.stadtlander.com/hiv/hivwomen.html

This site contains information about gynecological infections that, in women, can presage HIV infection.



Women

hivinsite.ucsf.edu/topics/women/

This site discusses the HIV/AIDS epidemic as a social phenomenon, not just a biological occurrence. It contains facts about mother-to-child transmission and the female condom, as well as daily HIV/AIDS news summaries dating back to 1995.

Women Alive

www.thebody.com/wa/wapage.html

Women Alive is a nonprofit organization dedicated to women living with HIV/AIDS. The Web site offers information about a support hotline and various newsletters and articles.

Women and HIV Infection

www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/womenhiv.htm

This online fact sheet from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases discusses HIV/AIDS among women.

Women and HIV/AIDS

www.thebody.com/whatis/women.shtml

This site contains fact sheets, abstracts of journal articles, and news releases addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and resources and services for women.

Women's Interagency HIV Study San Francisco, CA

www.statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/

The Women's Interagency HIV Study is designed to investigate the impact of HIV infection on women. The Web site offers its users access to abstracts and publications about women's HIV/AIDS issues.

Videos about Women and HIV/AIDS from Video AIDS: A Catalog for Users of AIDS Educational Materials

[psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow/html/
vid_cat_full.html#section_wom](http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow/html/vid_cat_full.html#section_wom)

This site contains descriptions of videos on women and HIV/AIDS. It includes several videos in Spanish.

SEARCH ENGINES

One of the advantages of today's technology is our ability to use the Internet to find information about issues that concern us. There are numerous sites about HIV/AIDS and STDs. In addition to the information provided in this Pathfinder, use the search engines below to locate health information.

Alta Vista: altavista.com

Excite: www.excite.com

HotBot: www.hotbot.com

InfoMarket: www.infomarket.com

GoNetwork: infoseek.go.com

Lycos: www.lycos.com

Magellan: magellan.excite.com/

TheElectricLibrary: www.elibrary.com/id/2525

Webcrawler: www.webcrawler.com

Yahoo!: www.yahoo.com

These engines do not search the entire Internet, so you might want to search more than one. Or, to search several engines at the same time, you can use a *meta-search engine* such as:

Metacrawler: www.metacrawler.com/index.html

Dogpile: www.dogpile.com/

Mamma: www.mamma.com/

Blink: www.1blink.com/

For directories of Web links, listservs, documents, and other resources about a particular subject, search the following *meta-sites*:

WWW Virtual Library: vlib.org

Argus Clearinghouse: www.clearinghouse.net

For additional sites and suggestions for conducting a thorough Internet search, contact NPIN at 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY).

HEALTH LINKS

Visit the following Internet sites for general health information, including information on HIV/AIDS and other STDs.

CDC National Prevention Information Network

www.cdcnpin.org

CDC National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention

www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html

Healthfinder

www.healthfinder.gov

AEGIS

www.aegis.com

American Social Health Association

www.ashastd.org

Critical Path AIDS Project

www.critpath.org

HIVInSite

hivinsite.ucsf.edu

JAMA STD Information Center

www.ama-assn.org/special/std/std.htm

JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Center

www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv

Johns Hopkins Infectious Diseases

www.hopkins-id.edu/diseases/index_dis.html

Johns Hopkins AIDS Service

hopkins-aids.edu

The educational materials listed here are available from the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN). To obtain copies, call NPIN at 800-458-5231 (800-243-7012 TTY) and provide the publication number. Many documents can be viewed and downloaded online through the NPIN Web site at www.cdcnpin.org. All documents can be ordered through NPIN's online ordering system.

For a more extensive list of educational materials on HIV/AIDS and other STDs among women, call NPIN or visit the NPIN Web site and search our Educational Materials Database.

HIV/AIDS and Women Who Have Sex with Women in the United States

This fact sheet explains that little research has been done on the potential for HIV/AIDS transmission between women, that it is rare, and that the CDC has not confirmed an AIDS case report as of December 1996 (CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse, 1997). Request publication # D597.

A Message To the Third Man in My Life

This poster shows an Hispanic mother with her two sons. She talks about taking care in her dating relationships to convey the importance of using condoms and avoiding injection drug use (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1991). Request poster # P087.

Cluster of HIV-Positive Young Women-New York, 1997-1998

This article from the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* presents epidemiologic and laboratory findings of a group of young women who reported sexual contact with the same HIV-infected man (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1999). Request publication # M025.

If He Doesn't Have a Condom, You Just Have To Take a Deep Breath and Tell Him To Go Get One

This poster urges women to tell their male sex partners to carry and use condoms. It also asks viewers to consider the risks of sexual intercourse without a condom (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1993). Request poster #P106 (features Hispanic woman), # P105 (features Black woman), or # P104 (features White woman).

National Data on HIV Prevalence Among Disadvantaged Youth in the 1990s

This CDC fact sheet presents an overview and statistics about the high rate of HIV infection among young disadvantaged women, particularly African-American women (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1998). Request publication # D141.

Update: AIDS Among Women—United States, 1994

This article from the *CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* series presents characteristics of women and men reported with AIDS in 1994, summarizes trends in cases reported during 1985-1994, and describes findings of an HIV seroprevalence survey among childbearing women during 1989-1993 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1995). Request publication # M027.

What Are Women's HIV Prevention Needs?

This fact sheet uses a question-and-answer format to examine the HIV prevention needs of women (University of California San Francisco Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, 1995). Request publication # D813 (Spanish).

SELECTING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Choosing the right presentation of information is as important as the information itself. As you search for educational materials, consider the following questions:

- ***Which format best suits your audience's needs, preferences, and habits?***

A journal article may be more appropriate for audiences with formal medical training. And individuals with low literacy skills, or for whom English is not the first language, may benefit from information presented graphically.

- ***Which format best fits your purpose?***

A fact sheet or report may convey factual information, whereas a flyer or brochure may be more motivational.

- ***Which format will most easily reach your audience?***

A self-mailing brochure might save you time and money, or perhaps your audience has easy access to computers and would prefer viewing the information electronically.

- ***Is the information up-to-date and appropriate for your audience?***

By locating the publication dates of your educational materials, you can see where they fit in the progression of the science of HIV/AIDS testing and treatment.

Your local public libraries, state health departments, university libraries, and health information clearinghouses provide information and trained staff to help you access, evaluate, and use educational materials. Nowadays, information is easier to access than ever before: many public libraries offer online access to library resources, including state university libraries. Contact your public library to learn if your state participates in such a program and how to access it. Or contact NPIN's skilled librarians and information specialists for personalized research support and help in locating and evaluating the information you need.

